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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL

Project number and title:	Forestry Development (Phase III) (BRA/78/003)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Brazilian Institute of Forestry Development (IBDF)
Date of approval:	September 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	January 1979
Duration:	Three years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$7 million (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$1 145 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. UNDP assistance to forestry development in Brazil began in 1972 (BRA/71/545)[1/]. In 1976 an evaluation mission reviewed the activities undertaken by the project and concluded that the Institute of Forestry needed strengthening from an institutional point of view and recommended that a Phase II project should be undertaken.

2. UNDP assistance for the Phase II project (BRA/76/027)[2/] was approved in December 1976. Its activities centred on the institutional strengthening of the Institute of Forestry and it also carried out several marketing studies relating to the Amazon River.

3. During the project the planning and operational capacity of the Institute was improved to a level at which the Institute can now be considered as a National Forest Service. The tasks to be carried out in a country such as Brazil, however, which contains the world's largest tropical humid forest reserves, make it necessary for a third phase of assistance to: (a) strengthen the planning capacity of the Institute's activities in forestry and development planning, forest economics and tropical forest education; (b) develop Amazon forest products, inventory and marketing; and (c) co-ordinate and strengthen research activities.

1/ DP/SF/R.11/Add.9 and DP/PROJECTS/390 and 1083.

2/ DP/PROJECTS/1992.

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4. It is considered that further assistance for three years should provide sufficient time for the Institute itself to assume complete responsibility for the planning and operation of forest development in Brazil.

II. The project

5. The development objective of the Phase III project is, by developing forestry and the forest industry to the maximum, to contribute to the attainment of the national objectives for social and economic advancement.

6. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the Brazilian Institute for Forestry Development at the country level, with emphasis on its institutional, organizational, planning and development efforts; (b) promote the optimum utilization of Amazonian forest resources, including a close follow-up of the Tapajós forestry and forest industry project; (c) foster inter-institutional co-operation and co-ordination among various complementary forestry related agencies, especially those operating in the Amazon; and (d) alleviate through training existing human resource constraints, with special reference to technical and vocational training oriented towards the solution of tropical forestry problems.

7. UNDP will provide for the services of some twenty experts and consultants in the various fields relating to forest development planning, administration, economics, training, marketing, transport, technology, industries, etc., as well as for fellowships and equipment. The Government will provide qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies, and equipment, directly to the project.

8. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	m/m	$
Experts and administrative support personnel	216	1 017 000
Training		35 000
Equipment		65 000
Miscellaneous		28 000
		1 145 000

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